



CE NEWS

Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

Self-Directed Learners: take responsibility for their own learning and professional development

An important skill in professional development is self-directed learning. As we progress throughout our careers as library professionals, we need to continuously be attaining new knowledge and skills. Self-directed learners recognize the importance of lifelong learning by taking responsibility for their own learning. They begin with a frank appraisal of their current knowledge and skills. As library professionals, we may want to start with a review of the ***Essential Library Competencies***, a combination of technology and personal/interpersonal skills that anyone who works in a library should possess. These competencies are located in the 2014 edition of the [Competency Index for the Library Field](#) compiled by [WebJunction](#). Once a self-directed learner has identified their learning needs, their next step is to set personal learning goals and identify resources; such as one-shot instruction, self-paced training modules, webinars or in-person workshops. Several online resource guides and continuing education learning opportunities are available to self-directed library professionals in Alaska.

[Professional Development Resources for Public Librarians](#) a resource guide designed to provide public librarians with access to freely available continuing education and professional development resources.

[Infopeople FY 2016 CE Opportunity](#) The Alaska State Library has purchased a block of seats to Infopeople asynchronous instructor-led online courses.

[Library Development Training & Continuing](#) a calendar of scheduled training events, workshops and continuing education opportunities of interest to librarians in Alaska.

[Library Leadership](#) a resource guide for Alaskan librarians interested in improving their leadership skills.

[Lead the Change: Three Cities Tour in Alaska](#) During the week of May 9th, David Bendekovic will facilitate ***What 21st Century Library Leaders Know and Do: Observations, Insights and Valuable Lessons Learned*** full-day workshops in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau.

[School Public Collaborative Library Training](#) an intensive week-long workshop providing management and library skills to non-certified school library assistants and **library public library directors** without a Master's degree in Library Science.

Once a self-directed learner has chosen a learning resource, they implement their learning strategy and follow-up by evaluating their progress thereby re-starting the self-directed learning process.

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Upcoming Events:						
Caring for Artifacts Found in Archives Collections						
Thu, Apr 7, 2016 10:00am						
Storymakers 1: Pre-Planning Your Digital Story from Concept to Storyboard						
Thu, Apr 7, 2016 10:00am						
Great Middle-Grade Reads						
Tue, Apr 12, 2016 10:00am						
Show all events						

[Library Development Training & Continuing Education Calendar](#)

We are moving!

Please note our new address in the Fr. Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building

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395 Whittier Street
Juneau, AK 99801

